

## Program Administration

The New Hampshire Department of Justice administers a variety of programs which provide service to all areas of New Hampshire's criminal justice system. These programs are supported by federal, state and dedicated funds and are administered by the following units:

innocent victims of violent crime. A Victim Assistance Commission was established and consists of five individuals who are nominated by the Attorney General and confirmed by the Governor and Executive Council. This program is funded by money collected through penalty assessment on fines and by a federal grant. In SFY 2004 and 2005, the

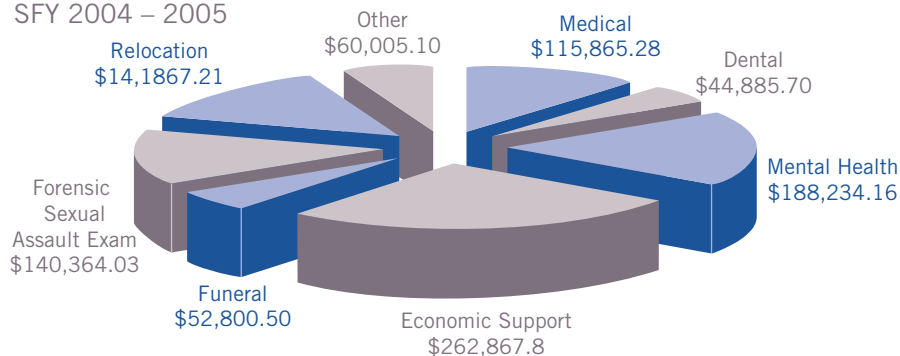
Compensation was able to pay for relocation assistance, provide mental health therapy for both Michelle and her children, and replace lost wages, allowing her to get back on her feet and rebuild her life.

Donna's mom came to the Victim's Compensation Program seeking funding for mental health therapy for her young daughter who had been sexually abused by a step uncle repeatedly for over a year. This valuable program allows children such as Donna to receive the care that is so necessary to their recovery.

The Victim's Compensation Program is the payer of last resort, after all charity care, health insurance, worker's compensation, or settlement funds have been made available, if they exist. This unit is staffed by two individuals.

## Victim's Compensation

SFY 2004 – 2005



## Witness Payment Unit

Since 1992, this agency has had the responsibility for paying all law enforcement and civilian witnesses who are subpoenaed by the state in criminal cases. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004 and 2005, the office processed witness payments totaling \$1,617,415 for over 70,000 witnesses. This unit is staffed by one individual.

Victim's Compensation Unit paid \$1,006,890 to victims.

These funds allowed for relocation of 69 families in life-threatening situations, replaced lost wages and loss of support for 95 families, provided mental health therapy for 157 families and educated numerous victims on other available care in order to maximize their benefits. There were over 800 claims processed during this biennium.

The difference this program makes in the lives of victims is astounding. Two examples, with pseudonyms follow:

Michelle came to the Victim's Compensation Program through a crisis center after escalating violent incidents by her husband, which were witnessed by the children. Michelle and her children sought shelter at a crisis center because of her fear of returning home. Victim's

## Victim's Compensation Unit

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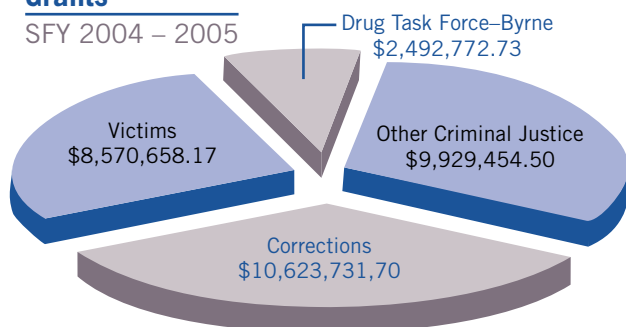
## Grants Management Unit

The Grants Management Unit exists to make a difference in the lives of the citizens of New Hampshire by ensuring the proper use of federal funds for criminal justice purposes. This unit began in 1985 with the Crime Control Act of 1984. Currently this unit administers twenty different grant program units with expenditures over the last biennium of \$31,616,618 and operates with just four grant administrators. As the graph to the left indicates, there are four purpose areas focusing on crime prevention and justice. These four purpose areas are: Corrections, Victims, the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force and Other Criminal Justice Areas.

There were a total of 293 separate grants awarded over the two-year period. These awards went to city/towns (60), non-profit agencies (40), county

## Grants

SFY 2004 – 2005



agencies (17) and state agencies (9). Some agencies received multiple grants.

Because of grant dollars, New Hampshire's citizens receive many services that would not otherwise be available. A partial list of programs benefiting from these grant dollars follows:

*Programs in the Correctional Arena \$10,623,731.70*

- Substance abuse treatment for men in prison and for boys at the Youth Development Center; recently programs were added to include women in prison and girls at the Youth Development Center
- Construction of the new YDC facility in Manchester
- Post-secondary education/training for youth offenders up to age 25, SFY 04 only

*Programs for Victims \$8,570,658.17*

- Child advocacy centers for victims of child sexual assault and child abuse. These centers are designed to minimize the trauma inflicted on child victims through multidisciplinary teams who assist in the investigation of child abuse and recommend and ensure follow through with the best course of treatment for the child. Four centers opened in N.H. during the biennium: Derry, Nashua, Laconia, and Grafton-Sullivan. Carroll was funded in this biennium but did not officially open until state fiscal year 2006. Portsmouth's center was already open.
- Victim/witness units exist in all the County Attorneys' Offices

and DOJ grants fund the 6 in the rural counties.

- Funding for various programs with the NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence; funding for crisis centers and shelters.
- Seven family visitation centers across the state. Studies have shown that the risk of violence is often greater for victims of domestic violence and their children after separation from an abusive situation. These centers provide a safe environment for the safe visitation and exchange for NH families with a history of family violence.
- Seven domestic and sexual violence prosecutors located in the counties of Belknap, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Rockingham.
- Court appointed special advocacy programs; also, funding for Americorps and CASA.
- Victim-offender mediation programs.
- Prosecution and law enforcement based victim advocacy programs.
- Ongoing comprehensive training for advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, and various members in the field.

*Drug Task Force Programs \$2,492,772.73*

- Multi-jurisdictional drug task force of approximately 30 individuals from many police departments across the state (see Criminal section for details).

*Other Criminal Justice Programs \$9,929,454.50*

- Development of strategic cybercrime efforts in NH involving all levels of enforcement.
- Ongoing efforts with J-One—a comprehensive criminal justice information system involving the courts, state police, and corrections.
- Assisting local law enforcement agencies in purchasing records management systems capable of reporting to the FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System.
- Aggressive funding for both police departments and the Liquor Commission to combat underage drinking.
- HAVA funding to assist with the Help America Vote Act requirements.
- Funding for state and local law enforcement and emergency medical services from domestic preparedness funding made available prior to September 11, 2001.
- Statewide training at 607 sites for all police departments and critical access areas.
- Mentoring programs for children considered At Risk Youth encompassing after school programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, the YMCA, etc.

After September 11th, 2001 and the creation of Homeland Security, some of the grant programs mentioned here were either eliminated or have received reduced funding. Those that continue are always at risk from competing funding needs at the federal level.

More details as to the level of funding and grand type are as follows:

Grant Types	FY04	FY05	Total
Drug Task Force – Byrne	1,347,087.40	1,145,685.33	2,492,772.73
<i>Other Criminal Justice</i>			
Byrne	297,196.09	285,528.47	
Byrne Evaluations	99,179.79	82,383.24	
Bulletproof Vest	18,352.13		
Distance Learning Earmark	1,363,600.00	1,517,418.00	
Domestic Preparedness	1,437,032.89	2,238,370.50	
Enforcing Underaged Drinking Laws	406,127.34	329,159.89	
Help America Vote Act	23,649.28	105,001.11	
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	153,179.60	152,456.63	
<i>Youth At Risk – Byrne</i>	428,846.79	209,274.81	
National Governors Association CJIS Training Grant	17,366.83		
Natl. Criminal History Improvement Program	118,969.78	426,493.51	
Natl. Forensic Science Improvement	6,050.73	46,204.33	
Project Safe Neighborhoods	1,689.37	83,616.86	
Statistical Analysis Center	42,654.23	39,652.30	
Other Criminal Justice	4,413,894.85	5,515,559.65	9,929,454.50
<i>Corrections</i>			
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment	383,897.33	138,433.69	
Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth in Sentencing	1,215,853.73	8,882,438.62	
Youth Offender Program	3,108.33		
Corrections	1,602,859.39	9,020,872.31	10,623,731.70
<i>Victims</i>			
Children's Justice Act	48,468.79	45,770.80	
Rural Domestic Violence & Child Victimization	199,760.92	233,799.77	
Safe Havens Visitation Centers	345,365.40	354,706.22	
State Victim Fund - Victim Compensation State Portion	417,015.29	294,890.89	
State Victim Fund Grants to Victim Programs	382,808.89	425,743.80	
Victims Compensation - Federal	120,939.89	147,288.65	
Victims of Crime Act	1,796,854.01	1,760,416.00	
Violence Against Women Act	1,035,404.05	961,424.80	
Victims	4,346,617.24	4,224,040.93	8,570,658.17
<i>Totals</i>			
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